

CEOP Student Opportunities

The Eastern Region Regional Office supports four college interns, majoring in education and natural resource related disciplines to conduct conservation education programs for urban youth in the Milwaukee area. CEOP interns will be classified under the Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP). The STEP allows college students to combine academic studies with on-the-job experience. Successful STEP students can be placed into the Student Career Experience Program (SCEP) or other career opportunities.

To learn more about student programs and job opportunities visit: www.fs.fed.us/r9/employment

Creating Partnerships to Promote Stewardship

The Forest Service strives to extend partnerships with groups of that have shared interest in protecting our natural environment. Working with traditional and non-traditional partners has allowed Forest Service programs such as the CEOP to reach a larger network of urban constituents.

To learn more about our partners and partnership opportunities visit: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/urban-connections>

Success Stories



To read about the CEOP and other Forest Service Eastern Region success stories visit: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/ssrs/>



U.S. Forest Service *Urban Connections*

The Forest Service (FS) was established in 1905 and is an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Forest Service manages public lands in national forests and grasslands, which encompass 193 million acres.

The Eastern Region is the most urbanized portion of the entire country. Eastern Region national forests form a perimeter around a vast band of urban areas, including nearly half of the top twenty metropolitan areas in the U.S.

Boston, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Chicago, and Detroit are cities where we are developing interagency partnerships with groups of interested citizens who share our vision. We seek to increase existing urban outreach efforts and connect them to education, research and development work throughout the U.S.

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Conservation Education Outreach Program



What is the CEOP?

The Conservation Education Outreach Program (CEOP) is an outreach program created by the Forest Service to connect urban youth to their natural environments. The CEOP originated in the Northeastern Area Station in 1992. The Eastern Region Regional Office-Milwaukee joined the initiative in 1995. For fourteen years, the Eastern Region Regional Office CEOP has served the Milwaukee area youth by providing hands-on activities that help youth understand and connect to their natural environments. The program encourages urban youth to explore nature in their own backyard, thereby making the connection between the value of those resources and those of our federal lands.

CEOP GOAL:

The CEOP strives to enhance children's appreciation of nature in their own backyard and thereby, increase their understanding of the connection between community green spaces and federal lands such as national forests/parks.

Therefore, CEOP's goal is to offer free programs that will engage a diverse group of urban youth providing insight about natural resources, environmental issues, and stewardship.

CEOP OBJECTIVES:

- Provide urban youth with hand-on activities focused on natural resources and environmental careers.
- Meet with youth in their own communities and help understand/appreciate the natural component of those communities.
- Help urban youth make a connection between natural resources in their community and federal lands

The CEOP has shown me the extreme importance of environmental education.

*-Heather Kohlmeier
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